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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Robert H. DeBellis and Bernard F. Erlanger

Serial No.: 09/828,413 Examiner: S. Saucier

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For: METHODS OF TREATING SICKLE CELL DISEASE

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Sir:

**PETITION FOR AN
ADDITIONAL THIRD-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby request an additional third-month extension of time for filing a response to the February 12, 2004 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the February 12, 2004 Final Office Action was originally due May 12, 2004. Applicants filed an Amendment In Response To February 12, 2004 Final Office Action And Petition For Two-Month Extension Of Time, and paid \$210.00 for a two-month extension of time, on July 12, 2004. Applicants hereby request an additional third-month extension of time. The required fee for an additional third-month extension of time is TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$265.00) for a small entity. Applicants have previously established small entity status and such status is still applicable. Applicants enclose a check in the sum of \$265.00 to cover this fee. Accordingly, a response to the February 12, 2004 Final Office Action is now due August 12, 2004 and applicants are concurrently filing a Notice of Appeal.

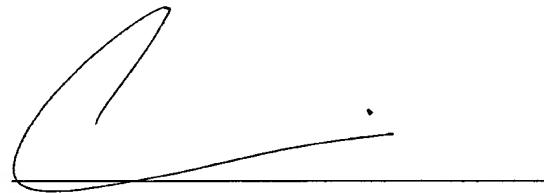
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With the filing of this Petition, the subject application is still pending and applicants are concurrently filing a Notice of Appeal. Accordingly, the Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$265.00 fee for an additional third-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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